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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Press Questioning of Congressional Committee Security Procedures

1. While Jack Maury and I were visiting the House Armed Services Committee staff room, Edna Johnson received a call from Ronald Sarra, Washington Star reporter, asking what arrangements were made by the Committee for "debugging" Committee rooms. After checking with us she told Sarra that Army people under DIA usually provided this service for them. She told us that Sarra had inquired who in the Senate Armed Services Committee would have this information.

2. The undersigned alerted Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee; Fran Hewitt, Senate Appropriations Committee staff (who said he would take the matter up immediately with Tom Scott); Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff; and Art Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff. Each of the above said they appreciated the alert and if any information was given would indicate State or Defense as appropriate with one exception. Kuhl had already talked to Sarra and told him the Foreign Relations Committee left such matters to the discretion of the agency that would be providing the confidential information.

3. Angus Thuermer, Howard Osborn, and William Colby have been advised.

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